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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 1131-0491P	
Application No. 10/699,695-Conf. #5835		Filing Date November 4, 2003		Examiner D. A. Walls	
Art Unit 1731					
Applicant(s): Yoichiro YAMASHITA et al.					
Invention: FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A CIGARETTE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME					
MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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Dated: <u>March 20, 2006</u>					
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 35 CFR 1.116**

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**March 20, 2006**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectively submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes Claim Set as amended and remarks.